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APPEAL TO PEOPLE BY HARRY K. THAW

Asks Not for Sympathy, but Justice, Inherent Right of Every Man.

HOUNDED AS NO OTHER MAN

Asks People of New York in Power of Their Sovereignty to Stop Persecution.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Concord, N. H., March 14.—Harry K. Thaw, referring to the introduction of the resolutions in the New York State Legislature concerning his case, gave the following statement to-day:

"To the People of the State of New

"Resolutions have been introduced in the Assembly of the State by Hon. John B. Gold, and will be voted on at this session, demanding that further proceedings in the case of the people against me be terminated.

"The grounds for such demand are that no one has ever been hounded as I have, and out of twenty-six men confined with me in the Tombs in September, 1908, charged with homicide, twenty-three are now free, so that many men have escaped from State hospitals and have not been pursued other than the offering of the usual reward of \$50, whereas in my case the reward was \$500; that the funds of the State are being squandered, and that the squandering of them is illegal.

I therefore make this statement to the people of the State of New York, for my not being prosecuted in the name of the people. It is therefore my right to appeal to them.

"I have endured two trials, defending myself against the charge of murder in the first degree in 1907 and 1908, having been indicted in 1905; have had hearings on three writs of habeas corpus in 1908, 1909 and 1912, being now in prison nearly eight years.

Avoids Himself of Right.

"In defending myself at the two trials, I availed myself of the right of self defense, as every citizen under the protection of our Federal and State Constitutions, which was to have a fair trial by a jury of my peers, and to be judged by them. The first jury disagreed and the second found me not guilty. Previous to this verdict, and during my first trial in 1907, after great provocation had been given, District Attorney Jerome stopped the trial, stated to the court that he was prosecuting an insane man, had a commission appointed by the Supreme

Court, which commission unanimously found me sane. The trial then continued to a disagreement, followed by my second trial a year later to an acquittal. Consequently, I stood my ground; twice of my own volition placed my life in jeopardy, and in the end have undergone greater expense, longer punishment and severer persecution than had I not refused the pretense of insanity, which Mr. Jerome tried to force upon me during my first trial.

"After the rendition of the verdict of guilty, I was committed to Matewauk State Hospital, in sum up the three trials, which was all I again availed myself of the privilege which is the right of American citizens under our Constitution. Therefore, I appeal to the Constitution of the people of the State of New York that all proceedings since the indictment was found against me, I have taken no action except what is guaranteed to me, and to every other American citizen under our fundamental law. For this I have been persecuted, even to an attempt last year to have curtailed my right to speak, to have denied me the writ of habeas corpus, in right due to every citizen, and have never yet raised my voice in this manner, have been held in contempt of the people who in the end are the highest authority of law, but have fought fairly with all the means at my command. But now that all is finally decided, and bounded, I make my appeal to the sovereign people of our State.

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